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AVA FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Ava, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing three firearms.

Scott M. Hannaford, 29, of Ava, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to five years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On March 25, 2005, **Hannaford** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of three firearms. By pleading guilty, **Hannaford** admitted that he was in possession of a Marlin .22-caliber rifle, a Ruger .22-caliber rifle, a Braztech .223-caliber rifle and six .38-caliber cartridges and ammunition on Sept. 2, 2003, in Douglas County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hannaford** has two 1998 criminal felony convictions for possession with intent to distribute marijuana and importation of marijuana and two 1994 criminal felony convictions for tampering and stealing.

At the time law enforcement officers learned **Hannaford** was in possession of the firearms, he was resisting federal officers in the process of executing an arrest warrant, Graves said. The arrest warrant was issued because **Hannaford** had violated the conditions of his supervised release.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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